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SUBJECT: CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW FORMER ASYLEES TO
GO TO UK

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1. ASSISTANT HEAD OF LATIN AMERICAN DEPARTMENT AT FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, FULLERTON, TOLD EMBOFF ON AUGUST 21 THAT AT BRITISH REQUEST, CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOW AGREED TO ALLOW 15 CHILEANS, WHO APPEARED AT BRITISH EMBASSY EARLIER THIS MONTH (REFTELS), TO LEAVE CHILE FOR UK. BRITISH GREATLY SURPRISED AT FAVORABLE CHILEAN RESPONSE AND RAPIDITY WITH WHICH CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AGREED TO BRITISH REQUEST. FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE EXPECTS REFUGEES TO RECEIVE PASSPORTS AND LEAVE FOR UK WITHIN ONE WEEK. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED IF FAVORABLE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO UK REQUEST WOULD BE PUBLICIZED, FULLERTON SAID THAT IT WOULD BE COMING OUT IN PRESS (PROBABLY AT TIME REFUGEES DEPART FROM SANTIAGO OR ARRIVE IN UK).

2. SAME OFFICIAL AT FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE COMMENTED THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 300 REFUGEES FROM CHILEAN REGIME PRESENTLY IN THE UK, AND THAT ABOUT 1,000 MORE
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ARE EXPECTED. OTHER THAN SOCIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO

ALL RESIDENTS, HMG NOT PROVIDING ANY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR CHILEAN REFUGEES.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT'S ACQUIESCENCE
IN DEPARTURE OF THESE MINOR PERSONALITIES, LABOR GOVERN-
MENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CHILEAN REGIME WILL REMAIN EX-
TREMELY NEGATIVE.

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